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SUBJECT: Army Communications Plans in Connection with the Defense of
Europe in Event of Emergency

1. Lt. Colonel A. O. McLane of the Army Communications Service, Operations and Planning Section, approached this office in connection with the European Defense Signal Plan, prepared at EUCOM and submitted to a joint panel in Washington for approval. He stated that he had been authorized by the Army to coordinate one detail of the plan with CIA which involves the discontinuance of communications to the following areas in the event of an emergency:

Colonel McLane stated that representatives of the Army, Navy, and Air Force have agreed that, in the event of a serious emergency, military communications to the above areas would be immediately discontinued. The matter had apparently been discussed with Department of State representatives who indicated that the first three stations were involved in a Department of State evacuation plan and that State was attempting to establish non-military communications for these posts for the duration of the evacuation period.

2. Colonel McLane would like a statement from CIA as to whether or not CIA plans to establish emergency communications to any of the eight posts listed above. He intends to include as much information as possible from other Government agencies regarding their plans, if any, for communications with the places listed above at the time that present Army facilities are withdrawn.

3. Incidental to the above, Colonel McLane mentioned that the following would be included in the list of stations where military communications would continue to be available:

USAF Headquarters at Salzburg
Trieste
Athens
Ankara

4. This query requires a full consideration of CIA emergency plans, including our connection and/or participation in Department of State evacuation plans.

*Army and State Department
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